

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>TROY KNECHT and SHELLY</b>	:	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:17-CV-2267</b>
<b>KNECHT, individually, and as parents</b>	:	
<b>and natural guardians of H.K. and G.K.,</b>	:	<b>(Judge Conner)</b>
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<b>Plaintiffs</b>	:	
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<b>v.</b>	:	
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<b>JAKKS PACIFIC, INC., JAKKS</b>	:	
<b>SALES CORPORATION, and</b>	:	
<b>WAL-MART STORES, INC.,</b>	:	
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<b>Defendants</b>	:	

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 23rd day of August, 2021, upon consideration of the omnibus Daubert and summary judgment motion (Doc. 106) filed by defendants, and the parties' respective briefs in support of and opposition to said motion, as well as the court's order (Doc. 112) granting the unopposed aspects of defendants' motion, and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The remainder of defendants' motion (Doc. 106) is DENIED.
2. A United States Magistrate Judge of this court is available to preside over this case, see 28 U.S.C. § 636(c); FED. R. CIV. P. 73, and may be available to do so earlier than the undersigned.<sup>1</sup> The Clerk of Court shall mail an AO 85 form ("Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge") to all parties in the above-captioned action together with a copy of this order. All parties who consent to

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<sup>1</sup> The parties are reminded that consent is optional and may be withheld without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with the case.

jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge shall complete and return the AO 85 form to the Clerk of Court no later than **September 20, 2021**.

3. A United States Magistrate Judge of this court is also available and willing to serve as a settlement officer in this case. The parties shall promptly meet and confer to discuss participating in a settlement conference with a United States Magistrate Judge. No later than **September 20, 2021**, the parties shall certify to the court by way of letter filed to the docket that they have met and conferred as directed and shall indicate whether a referral to a United States Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference is requested.
4. If the parties do not consent to the jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge and do not request a settlement conference before a United States Magistrate Judge by the deadline in paragraphs 2 and 3, the court will schedule a pretrial telephonic scheduling conference to establish a pretrial and trial schedule.

/S/ CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER  
Christopher C. Conner  
United States District Judge  
Middle District of Pennsylvania